

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Withdrawn) An antithrombotic composition characterized in that the composition comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of fruit or fruit juice of amla and an extract thereof.
2. (Withdrawn) A fibrin formation inhibitory composition characterized in that the composition comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of fruit or fruit juice of amla and an extract thereof.
3. (Withdrawn) An anti-platelet aggregation composition characterized in that the composition comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of fruit or fruit juice of amla and an extract thereof.
4. (Withdrawn) A platelet aggregation inhibitory composition characterized in that the composition comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of fruit or fruit juice of amla and an extract thereof.
- 5-16. (Cancelled)
17. (Withdrawn) A method for inhibiting and/or preventing thrombus comprising administering the composition according to any one of claims 1, 5, 14 or 15 or the agent according to claim 16 to a patient in need thereof.

18. (Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting fibrin formation comprising administering ~~the composition according to claim 2 a composition comprising an extract of dried amla fruit~~ to a patient in need thereof.

19. (Withdrawn) A method for inhibiting and/or preventing platelet aggregation comprising administering the composition according to any one of claims 3, 4, 6, 8 or 9 to a patient in need thereof.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Withdrawn) A method for inhibiting platelet aggregation thrombus comprising administering the composition according to claim 10 or 11 to a patient in need thereof.

22. (Withdrawn) A method for inhibiting thrombus formation comprising administering the agent according to claim 12 to a patient in need thereof.

23. (Withdrawn) A method for preventing extrinsic blood coagulation comprising administering the composition according to claim 13 to a patient in need thereof.

24. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the administering step comprises the patient ingesting the composition.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the composition is in the form of a food, a drink, an animal feed, a quasi-drug, or a medicament.
26. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the composition is in the form of a cookie, a yoghurt, or a tablet.
27. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the extract of dried amla fruit is capable of being essentially completely dissolved by an aqueous solution comprising 20% to 80% ethanol.
28. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the extract of dried amla fruit is capable of being essentially completely dissolved in an aqueous solution comprising 60% to 80% ethanol.
29. (New) The method of claim 18, further comprising preparing the extract of dried amla fruit by performing a solvent extraction of pulverized dried amla fruit to produce a solvent extract.
30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the solvent extraction is performed with at least one solvent selected from water, a hydrochloric acid solution, a sulfuric acid solution, a sodium hydroxide solution, a potassium hydroxide solution, methanol, ethanol, n-propyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, butyl alcohol, ethyl acetate, butyl acetate, diethyl ether, methyl ether, methyl isobutyl ketone, hexane, chloroform, and acetone.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the solvent is removed from the solvent extract by lyophilization, thereby producing a lyophilization residue.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the composition is in the form of a cookie, a yoghurt, or a tablet containing the lyophilization residue.

33. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the lyophilization residue is further solvent extracted.

34. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the solvent extraction is performed with at least one of water and a solution of water and ethanol.

35. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the pulverized dried amla fruit has a particle size of 40 mesh or smaller.

36. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the solvent extract is further purified using at least one of chromatography, centrifugation, precipitation, and filtration.